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For Immediate Release:

BOARD GETS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO EIU DONORS

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees received several opportunities Monday to publicly reward generous pledges, gifts and support to the institution.

BOT members authorized the establishment of the **Florence Coles Ballenger** Teacher's Center in honor of a \$1 million bequest left to the university by the 92-year-old alumna who died earlier this year.

Mrs. Ballenger left one-third of her \$3.7 million legacy to Eastern; another third to the Chicago area's Kennedy-King College (formerly known as Woodrow Wilson Junior College), where Ballenger once taught; and the remainder to St. Petersburg Junior College, where Ballenger taught after moving to Florida in the early 1960s.

According to Mrs. Ballenger's trust, Eastern's share was "...to be used for such

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university purposes as the governing body (Board of Trustees) thereof deems appropriate."

In addition to the teacher's center, Mrs. Ballenger's gift will be used to support faculty development throughout the university.

Also, since 1998, approximately \$850,000 in gifts, pledges and partnerships have been earmarked through Eastern's "Reach for the 21st Century" campaign for facility improvements to the university's O'Brien Stadium. The stadium's total \$2 million renovation -- made possible completely through these donations and monies generated through athletic competitions -- was completed earlier this month

In accordance with the University's *Internal Governing Policies*, certain rooms/areas/offices in the refurbished stadium may be used to recognize donors. To receive a naming opportunity beyond recognition on the Wall of Honor, gifts must be in excess of \$10,000, depending on the type, size and scope of the room/office area.

The BOT approved recommendations for bronze plaques to be placed in honor of the following donors: **EIU Alumni Association/MBNA America**, team meeting room; **Peter Bonutti, M.D.**, of Effingham, weight room; **Jerry and Carol Myerscough** of Charleston, offensive coordinator and defensive coordinator offices; **Mike Shanahan** of Denver, Colo., head football coach office; **Panther Club Past Presidents** and **Linda Nugent & Associates, Realtors**, of Charleston, reception area; **Bob Ronchetti** of Mattoon, conference room; **Peter Bonutti, M.D.** of Effingham, **Gaylin Lack, M.D.**, and **James McKechnie, M.D.**, of Charleston, training room; **Larry and Melody McGrath** of

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Charleston, strength coach office; **The Bank of Charleston**, linebacker coach office; **Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company**, offensive line coach office; **John Wade** of Mattoon, running backs coach office; **Roger Sorensen**, Houston, Texas (formerly of Mattoon), men's and women's golf coach office; **1978 National Championship Football Team**, locker room; and **Jerry Heath, M.D.** and **Richard Larson, M.D.**, both of Charleston, physician's exam room.

Also, trustees authorized the awarding of an honorary doctorate of public service degree to former Illinois Governor **Jim Edgar**. Arrangements will be made to have Edgar accept this award during Eastern's Fall 1999 commencement ceremony.